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Man is given a sense of humor to compensate him as the years rob him of enthusiasm.

Time was when on the announcement of a bank failure they used to ask "what's her name?"

Parisians ate 23,000 horses last year. Here we have a field where the automobile cannot hope to compete.

It is reported that a duke wants to marry Helen Gould. Now comes the supreme test of Helen's good sense.

Why doesn't some enterprising medium arrange an interview with De Lesseps on recent events in Panama?

The man who stood on the bridge at midnight probably found it cheaper than sitting in at bridge at the same hour.

If it is true that the greatest happiness is in having enough, the man with seven daughters should be oh, so joyful.

The Brooklyn Eagle thinks current carping at Patti is due to the "acidulous pessimism of the supercritical few." Good.

Thieves have stolen one of the big bronze gates of Central Park, New York, but at least accounts the obelisk had not been taken.

When New York society leaders fall out the wondering world learns that being in the smart set doesn't dull the edge of a lady's tongue.

A woman strike sympathizer threw a brick at a man in Chicago the other day. It is not related what shop window suffered in consequence.

"People are seldom satisfied with small favors," remarked the philosopher. "What fun is there in kissing a girl if you can't muss her hair?"

The enthusiasm which Japan and Russia are showing for peace causes a suspicion that there must be a stock of damp powder in the far East.

An English mayor has handed out his salary to be divided between the poor and the town bands. The bands, presumably, are to be bribed to quit playing.

The Toronto World hopes Uncle Sam will "choke to death on the next bite he takes off Canada." Perhaps he'll try to swallow the pesky thing whole next time.

During the last fiscal year the railroads of the country killed 3,553 persons and injured 45,997 more. What are Macedonian outrages compared with this record?

The Cuban congress has voted a gift of \$50,000 to Gen. Gomez. Evidently the Cuban congress wants Gomez to retire permanently from the revolution business.

Somebody will be trying to prove next that Cresswell never trotted a mile in less than three minutes, and then he was tied to an automobile and timed by a sun-dial.

There are those who think that our national patriotism is even robust enough to survive the suppression of the dynamite cracker and the toy pistol on the Fourth of July.

The banks continue to merge. And nobody seems to protest. In fact, everybody seems to be satisfied. The banks enjoy a monopoly of this sort of feeling when it comes to merging.

Hartford Post: We have found that the most lovable women, as a rule, are those who have no more mathematical ability than is required to keep account of the milk tickets.

The boy who writes in his copy-book, "Reach after the higher things," cannot understand why his backward anatomy should be tattooed because he gathers jam from the top shelf.

It will probably be incumbent on the historian of the immediate future to record that Generalissimo Rafael Reyes of the Colombian army marched down a hill and then marched up again.

The new fund for the Methodist ministers amounts now to \$40,000—more than half of what Willard Allen took. It is not generally known just where Mr. Allen spent Thanksgiving.

Their fighting may not be up to the European standard, but the Central American countries do not keep the "War is Inevitable" headline standing for several months before they get some kind of action.

King Peter tried to congratulate Great Britain's diplomatic representative at Belgrade on King Edward's birthday, but got snubbed for his pains. Peter will have to keep quiet and make motions when he wants to express his thoughts.

One of the judges has decided that a girl has no breach of promise suit against a man who proposes on Sunday and fails to carry out the agreement. After this it may be expected that the lights will be put out promptly at 12 o'clock Saturday night.

A FATHER KILLS

SHOOT DOWN THE MAN WHO BETRAYED HIS DAUGHTER.

PUBLIC SYMPATHY IS WITH HIM

Victim Was Emil Meyer, a Sedalia Street Car Conductor—He Had a Bad Reputation as a Deceiver of Women—Daisy Luntin, His Victim, Killed Himself in Her Shame.

SEDALIA, MO.—(Special.) Emil Meyer, a conductor on a Sedalia electric railway, was killed Sunday afternoon at his home on West Main street by Frank C. Dunton, father of Daisy Dunton, who committed suicide on August 29 because Meyer had ruined her life and was about to marry another woman.

Dunton arrived home Saturday night from Vineta, I. T., where he had been working in a mill, and learned for the first time of his daughter's tragic death. Sunday forenoon, in company with his wife, he attended religious services at the East Broadway Christian church, listening to a sermon by the pastor who preached at his daughter's funeral. After dinner he went to the Meyer home and called the conductor outside of the house on the pretense that he had some private business with him. He asked the conductor to go to the rear of the premises with him. When they had reached a spot a short distance from the house Dunton, who was unknown to Meyer, asked: "What do you know about Daisy Dunton?" Meyer replied: "Daisy Dunton? I killed her, and I'll kill you if you want to take that up." At the same time making a motion as if to draw a weapon. Dunton drew a revolver and shot Meyer three times through the body. He lived only about fifteen minutes. Dunton reloaded his revolver and went to his home on McVey street, where he was arrested.

Coroner T. P. McCluney will hold an inquest on Monday. Meyer had a bad reputation as a deceiver of women, and two deaths have been charged against him in the records of the coroners' office here, but he had always escaped prosecution. There will be some sort of a prosecution of Dunton, but the sympathy of the community is with him. Dunton is an ex-convict, having been sent to the penitentiary for shooting a man a number of years ago in Morgan county.

THOUSANDS OF LIVES LOST.

Several Hundred Chinese Junks Sunk in Typhoon.

VICTORIA, B. C.—(Special.) Advice was received from South China by the steamer Athenian of the loss of thousands of lives as a result of the destruction of several hundred fishing junks in a typhoon off Swa Tow. The havoc was awful when the gale swept down on the Chinese vessels. Masts were broken, rudders carried away, sails ripped and general destruction was rife. For days numbers of disabled junks drifted helplessly about, their occupants suffering greatly from extreme thirst and hunger. The Hong Kong government tender Stanley rescued a number, picked up eight junks and took 122 men on board that were abandoned. The Stanley then returned to the rescue, for several fishermen reported that there were 400 junks fishing off Swa Tow when the typhoon came on November 8. From the Stanley fifty-seven disabled junks were seen flying distress signals. Several junks were towed to Hong Kong and then a third relief cruise was made.

Meanwhile three torpedo boat destroyers, the naval water boat Cherub, and a Chinese cruiser were sent out and rescued many. Several hundred men were taken from the wrecked craft suffering greatly, some being without food or water from two to five days.

Of the 400 fishing junks at least 300 are disabled or sunk and thousands of lives were lost.

\$20,000 JEWELRY ROBBERY.

Adolf Waltz, Servant of a Philadelphia Family Accused.

NEW YORK.—(Special.) Charged with the robbery of \$20,000 worth of jewelry from Mrs. William Welch Harrison, of Glenview, a suburb of Philadelphia, Adolf Waltz, a servant formerly employed by Mrs. Harrison, is locked up at police headquarters to await extradition.

The jewelry included a pearl necklace valued at \$15,000 and a large number of minor articles were taken from Mrs. Harrison's room while the family were at dinner on Thanksgiving day. Waltz, who had been employed in the house only two months, disappeared at the same time. When arrested, all of the jewelry with the exception of two pieces of minor value, were found on him.

Shot at Everyone in Sight.

HUNTSVILLE, ALA.—(Special.) Bud Bell, a cotton mill employee, entered a saloon here Saturday night and opened fire on everybody in sight, killing one man, who cannot be identified and wounding another. Bell was shot in the head by the bartender while in the act of reloading his gun. He probably will die.

"Republics Made While You Wait," is a sign that would find popular favor away down south.

FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

How Panama Intends to Spend Her Canal Money.

WASHINGTON.—(Special.) M. Banao-Varela, the minister from Panama, called at the state department Saturday and had conference with Acting Secretary Loomis concerning financial questions connected with the canal problem. It appears that the junta has determined to reserve all the \$10,000,000 to be paid to Panama by the United States, after the treaty is ratified, for the purpose of public improvement.

The minister went to New York for a day or two. He had been advised by his government and through private agents that General Reyes, before leaving Port Limon for Washington, sent to the executives of nearly all the republics of South and Central America what amounts to a protest against the action of the United States in the isthmus and an invitation to direct their diplomatic representatives in Washington to confer with him to safeguard the interests of Latin America.

C. P. HUNTINGTON ESTATE.

Appraisal Places Net Valuation at \$28,301,765.

NEW YORK.—(Special.) The appraisal of the estate of Collis P. Huntington, who died on August 13, 1900, shows that he left a net real and personal estate in this state valued at \$28,301,765.

The gross personality amounted to \$35,594,586, from which are deducted the debts due by the estate, the expenses of administration and the executor's commissions.

This appraisal was directed by the surrogate's court.

The chief beneficiaries under the will are Mrs. Huntington, whose share amounts to \$15,000,000; Henry E. Huntington, a nephew of Mr. Huntington, who receives \$9,239,734; the Princess Clara E. Hatzfeld, his adopted daughter, for whom \$1,000,000 was left in trust; and Archer M. Huntington, an adopted son, who receives a bequest of \$250,000, besides a contingent interest in a portion of the estate.

The report of the appraiser was filed months ago, but was kept a profound secret until discovered Saturday.

CUBA TO HAVE A LOTTERY?

Both Houses Likely to Pass Bill Over President's Veto.

HAVANA.—(Special.) The senate Saturday passed the national lottery bill by a vote which is believed to indicate that it will probably pass the measure over President Palma's veto, should he disapprove it. The strongest opponents of the bill were absent from the day's sitting. The measure as amended directs that the lottery's functions shall begin within seventy days after the law authorizing it is promulgated and authorizes the president to issue instructions and regulations for the carrying out of the lottery plan. It is believed that the bill will without difficulty pass the house. A majority of the senators are said to believe that the establishment of a lottery is the most reasonable way of obviating the tax difficulties in accordance with the wishes of the people.

\$2,750,000,000 FOR NAVY.

Hobson Hts Scheme for Making It the Greatest in the World.

WASHINGTON.—(Special.) Former Commander Richmond P. Hobson, of the navy, has prepared a bill which he has requested Representative Wiley of Alabama, to introduce in the house on the convening of the regular session, for the purpose, as he says, of making the United States the first naval power of the world during the next eighteen years. The bill makes a total appropriation of \$1,750,000,000, a portion of which is to be used each year for new ships. Fifty million dollars is made available for the present fiscal year. \$60,000,000 for the next, and so on, increasing by \$10,000,000 each year up to 1915, when a lump sum of \$1,500,000,000 is made to carry on the programme in 1925.

BRIEF BITS OF NEWS.

Emperor William has withdrawn his offer of a cup for a trans-Atlantic yacht race in 1904, on account of his health, and has substituted for it the offer of a cup to be raced for in 1905.

Announcement is made from the war department that no additional designations will be made of candidates from civil life to be examined for appointment as second lieutenant in the army.

The supply ship Colgo which sailed from New York City yesterday for Colon, loaded with supplies for the United States squadron at that port, carried fifty apprentices who will be transferred to the auxiliary cruiser Disia.

William J. Bryan has written from London to arrange for an interview with Count Tolstol.

Violent storms and bad weather prevailed all over Italy, and in some places great damage has been done. Naples is under water; the Tiber is very high and Turin and Milan are covered with snow.

J. N. Stine, son of wealthy parents at Casey, Ia., committed suicide at Des Moines by drinking carbolic acid. He was without money and had become despondent.

ELUDED POLICE

HARMLESS CRANK HANDS PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT A LETTER.

300 POLICEMEN WERE ON GUARD

Six of Them To Be Placed on Trial for Inefficiency—Letter Was More by an Advertisement of a Cure for Indigestion—President Attends Funeral of His Uncle in New York.

NEW YORK.—(Special.) President Roosevelt came to New York to attend the funeral of his uncle, James King Grace, whose late wife was a sister of the president's mother. During the five hours he was in the city he was surrounded by several hundred policemen and a number of special officers, but an apparently harmless crank managed to elude their vigilance and handed to the president a letter regarding a panacea which he claims he has discovered. The letter was given to one of the special officers and the man, who gave his name as A. B. Deming, of 150 Broadway, was taken by the police to court, where he talked wildly.

The interview came as the president was leaving the church. Mrs. Roosevelt was much agitated over the occurrence, but the president was not at all alarmed.

At 150 Broadway it was said that Deming had desk room and that he had always appeared to be perfectly rational on all subjects except his panacea.

The presidential party went to Jersey City without further incident, and left there for Washington.

More than 300 patrolmen were on duty about the block on which the church is located. On the west side of Sixth avenue, opposite the church, there was a solid line of patrolmen, standing shoulder to shoulder for a block, and on the east side a similar detail of men. Around the entire block patrolmen were placed at frequent intervals, shutting off all traffic from Fifth avenue to Sixth avenue, on Twentieth and Twenty-first streets. The middle of the street was kept open, and the crowd, which assumed large proportions in a short time, was kept close to the sidewalk. No one was allowed in the middle of the street.

After completing an investigation into the manner in which Deming gained entrance to the church and reached the side of the president, Police Commissioner Greene announced that he was not satisfied with the explanation made by the police who were in charge at the church, and that he would place Captain Cottrell on trial on charges of failing to make proper arrangements.

Three detectives and two policemen who were on guard at the church will also be placed on trial.

SAN FRANCISCO.—(Special.) Arthur P. Deming, who was arrested in New York while trying to hand a letter to the president, is well known in this city and is regarded here as harmless. Several years ago he was a familiar figure on the streets, where he sold powdered charcoal as a remedy for indigestion. Occasionally in a crowd he would attract attention shouting: "Prepare to meet thy God," and once was taken into custody for disturbing a meeting in this manner.

WASHINGTON.—(Special.) President and Mrs. Roosevelt, who went to New York Thursday night to attend the funeral of the president's uncle, James K. Grace, returned to Washington at 6:55 o'clock Friday night. With them were Captain and Mrs. Cowles, Secretary Loeb and Dr. Stokes, the president's physician. Owing to the heavy travel the train was forty-five minutes late in reaching Washington. There were no incidents of note during the return trip.

Oakland Policeman Shot.

OAKLAND, CAL.—(Special.) In a pistol duel between Police Officer James H. Smith and two supposed porch climbers, the former was shot and killed and one of the suspects, who is unknown, met the same fate. The lifeless body of one of the suspects was found about two blocks distant from the shooting, having fallen in his tracks in a vacant lot where the discovery was accidentally made by a couple of boys. The other one has not yet been apprehended.

Big Socialist Gains.

BERLIN.—(Special.) Partial elections for members of the Berlin municipal council resulted in large Socialist gains. Out of sixteen seats, Socialists were elected to twelve, and against seven in the present council. The elections, like those for members of the reichstag, indicate that the poorer classes of Berlin are rapidly deserting Liberalism for Socialism.

Peter Elliott Escapes.

ST. PAUL, MINN.—(Special.) A special to an afternoon paper says Peter Elliott, the Minneapolis crank who was arrested in Washington while attempting to force his way into the president's presence, has escaped from the insane asylum at St. Peter, Minn. Elliott was committed to the asylum a month ago from Washington. A party is out hunting for him.

What has become of the old fashioned boy who said "Ouch" when he was hurt?

CALLED HIS BOOK IDIOTIC.

Remarkable Case of 'Double Consciousness' in Denver.

DENVER.—(Special.) What is pronounced a case of double consciousness has been brought to public notice through a suit filed by David Charters against the city of Denver for \$15,000 damages for injuries to his head, sustained by falling on a defective sidewalk. After the accident, December 30, 1901, Charters proclaimed himself "Daniel, the Prophet," and wrote a book entitled "Daniel's Vision and Mission; Is Heaven Real? Is Hell Real?"

He preached on the streets and established a prosperous mission. He also traveled about the country as an evangelist. Charters, a few weeks ago, fully recovered from his injury and he then declared that the interval since the accident happened was a blank to him. He had no knowledge of having written a book. After reading the book he pronounced its contents idiotic.

REPAIRS FOR THE MAINE.

Battleship's Injuries Will Not Disable Her, However.

WASHINGTON.—(Special.) The battleship Maine has suffered another injury. The inability of the ship to make more than twelve knots on her recent cruise to Colon was due to an accident to her boilers which occurred before her departure. Four of the large boiler "ys" or supports are broken and it will be necessary to repair them before it will be safe for the Maine to increase her speed beyond twelve knots, although the vessel's maximum speed is eighteen knots. The navy department officials assert that the vessel is not dangerous if she does not exceed twelve knots, but it is admitted that only an emergency would have caused her dispatch on such a cruise in her present condition.

Mud of Lake Has Value.

DES MOINES, IA.—(Special.) A mud lake covering 180 square miles in Hamilton county promises to furnish to this state 22,000,000,000 tons of fuel. Edward Atkinson, of Boston, Mass., who was employed to visit the county and submit plans for draining the land has reported that he believes the mud is of untold value. It contains, he says, large quantities of carbonaceous matter. If allowed to stand, he says, it will form itself into a great coal bed. He believes it is similar to the mud in the meadows of Massachusetts and says it may be used for fuel by extracting the water and drying thoroughly. A company may be organized to prepare the mud for the market.

Milk the Source of Typhoid.

WILLIAMSTOWN, MASS.—(Special.) The experts engaged by President Henry Hopkins, of Williams college, have determined to their satisfaction that the source of typhoid which recently developed among the students and at one time threatened to assume the form of a serious epidemic, was a can of milk. The theory is that the milk was cooled in impure water, and that a little of the infected water accidentally got into the milk. The can in question did not come from a Williams town dealer, but was brought from outside the town.

There is no material change in the eight cases of typhoid at the college infirmary.

Failed to Sell His Ear.

OMAHA, NEB.—(Special.) Poverty and old age were so unwelcome to J. E. Wolf, of Council Bluffs, Ia., that he attempted to shoot his wife and then turned the pistol against himself. Mrs. Wolf was struck by one bullet, being wounded slightly. Wolf will probably die. The shooting was due to discouragement over receipt of word that his offer of an ear to a New York surgeon for \$5,000 could not be accepted. Wolf tried to sell his ear to the wealthy Westerner now undergoing the ear-grafting operation in Philadelphia.

Governor Carter Takes Oath.

HONOLULU.—(Special.) Governor took the oath of office and was formally inaugurated Monday at the Capitol. There was a large assembly of federal and territorial officials and members of the army and navy. Edward S. Boyd, commissioner of public lands, tendered his resignation. It will be accepted. All the other members of the governor's official staff will be retained, except Henry E. Cooper, superintendent of public works, and Alexander C. Haven, Jr., private secretary to the governor.

Cat's Scratch Kills Man.

NEW YORK.—(Special.) It has been learned that Samuel Dykstra died in the general hospital at Paterson, N. J., Monday as the result of a cat scratch. A week ago Dykstra shot a cat which was annoying his family. He went to the yard and kicked when he supposed was the dead animal. The cat, however, was alive, and sprang at him and scratched his leg deeply. No attention was paid to the wound at first. Later home remedies were applied, but these did not bring relief and a physician was called. Blood poisoning set in and death followed.

BRIEF BITS OF NEWS.

Now that the will of the late Millonaire Rice, of New York, submitted by Albert T. Patrick has been proved a forgery, C. E. Rice and James Rice, of La Farge, near La Crosse, Wis., brothers of the deceased, will be made wealthy. They are poor farmers.

ARE UP IN ARMS

SCHOOL LAND LESSEES PROTESTING AGAINST RAISE.

MANY FARMERS GATHER IN GUTHRIE

School Land Board Holding a Week's Session There—Governor Ferguson Declares That Rents Are Not Yet Up to the Real Value of the Land and That More Could Be Secured.

GUTHRIE, O. T.—(Special.) School lessees from every county in Oklahoma are in Guthrie to protest against the advance in rental of school lands that was made at the last meeting of the board, which is composed of five disinterested men named by the governor, auditor and secretary. These five men reappraised the school lands at that time and made advances on rental prices ranging from \$50 to \$100 on a school tract. The board has met in special session and will sit for six days. Lessees who are able to show that their rental has been fixed too high will be heard. It need only a visit to the territorial offices to realize that there are plenty of "indignant lessees" here to protest against the raises that have been ordered on their tracts.

The school land lessees, about 7,000 in number, are thoroughly organized in every county for political purposes and the present gathering here is their initial movement in Oklahoma politics. The school land lessee proposition has grown to be a political issue in Oklahoma that promises to figure extensively in the political future of the territory. By making a public demonstration here at this time, as they are seeking to do, it will naturally serve to align them against land owners and tax payers.

The incorporation of a clause in Delegate McGuire's statehood bill referring to school land lessees' preferential right of purchase when the school lands are placed on sale has already stirred up a great deal of talk and comment. It is argued by many tax payers and land holders that the disposition of school lands is not a prerogative of congress and that the matter ought to be left in the hands of territorial citizens alone.

School land lessees are farmers who are renting the land reserved by the government for school purposes. Sections 16 and 36 were reserved in every township of these counties: Logan, Payne, Kingfisher, Oklahoma, Cleveland, Canadian, Blaine, Dewey, Day, Roger Mills, Washita, Custer. On each section are four lessees, who pay an annual rental to the territory for the use of the lands for farming purposes. In other counties, four sections are reserved in each township, sections 16, 36, 13 and 33.

In talking of the school land lessee proposition Ferguson said:

"If every school land lessee in the territory should to-day refuse to accept his lease for the ensuing term, at the figures designated by the equalization board, we would place the land on the market, secure a good bonus for the privilege of renting it, and in addition get just as much rent for the lands as that filed by the board."

"For instance, a man from Woods county, a lessee, called on me regarding this very question." He said: "I have a neighbor, a lessee, who declares that, unless the board will reduce the \$95 rental value annually placed on his school quarter by the equalization board, he will refuse to take the lease for another term. If that lessee does not take his lease at \$95 per annum, I will pay the territory \$150 for the same tract of land. Out of the 160 acres there are 125 acres of it in wheat every year, yielding a big average."

At the Orpheum.

The bill for the week of November 29 will be one of the best the Orpheum at Kansas City has yet offered. It will be composed of nine numbers, all of which are good ones. The top hour is the great Italian change artist, Colombine, who plays a drama of five characters by himself. He makes 50 changes of costume in it. He also impersonates the famous composers and band leaders and while made up as the latter conducts the orchestra in imitation of their manner. Songs and creature are included in his impersonations. Macart's dogs and monkeys will be seen again. These clever animals were on the first week's bill and were re-engaged by General Manager Beck, specialist for Kansas City. They were the hit of the season's opening bill and they will undoubtedly be a big card next week. Foster and Foster, the "merry musical comedians," will be seen in an act "Wanted—A Pianist," which serves as a medium for the introduction of their songs and musical numbers. There will be matinees daily.

Fox Hunt Declared Off.

LEXINGTON, KY.—(Special.) At a meeting of the National Fox Hunters' Association here Thursday, it was decided to declare off the coasts annually run by the association at the annual meet. The trouble is the result of complaints regarding the non-decision of the race winners each year. The meet will take place as announced at New Haven, beginning next Monday, but will be a six days' general fox chase, with any and all hounds present.